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### ► Agency Mission

The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney (OCA) is charged primarily with the prosecution of crime. This office prosecutes criminal and traffic matters in the Fairfax County General District Court, criminal and delinquency matters in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, and all felony cases in the Fairfax County Circuit Court. The office handles both the violation of County ordinances and the violation of State statutes.

### ► Trends/Issues

The caseload of the office is substantial and is one of the highest per prosecutor in the Commonwealth. For example, it handles such offenses as murder, rape, robbery, burglary, and illegal drug sales, from arrest to trial. It prosecutes a wide variety of misdemeanor and traffic cases, including more than 4,000 driving under-the-influence violations, thousands of assaults, and thousands of petty thefts.

State law specifically mandates certain duties for the Commonwealth's Attorney. He is charged with advising the Grand Jury relative to their duties, representing the Electoral Board in certain election matters, and advising any officers or employees of Fairfax City or Fairfax County on matters involving conflict of interest. On a daily basis, the OCA works with numerous law enforcement units (e.g., State Police, Fairfax County Police, Fairfax City Police, the Town of Herndon and Town of Vienna Police, game wardens, and humane agents) in the course of investigations and in response to questions concerning criminal law.

### ► Summary of All Agency CAPS

CAPS Number	CAPS Title	CAPS Net Cost	CAPS Number of Positions/SYE
82-01	Prosecution of Criminal Cases	\$404,663	37/36.5
<b>TOTAL Agency</b>		<b>\$404,663</b>	<b>37/36.5</b>